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ERASE METHOD FOR

NONVOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR

STORAGE DEVICE AND ROW DECODER CIRCUIT FOR FULFILLING THE METHOD

REQUEST FOR A CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

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Sir:

Please furnish the undersigned with a corrected Filing Receipt for the above-identified application. The correction needed is as follows:

The filing date should be **June 21, 2000**, as shown on the stamped postcard receipt which was filed and stamped with the original application.

A notice to file missing parts of non-provisional application was mailed on October 11, 2000, because the filing fee and oath or declaration was missing from the originally filed application. However, a filing date of June 21, 2000, was granted to the application in accordance with MPEP 506 which states:

Filing dates are accorded to nonprovisional applications filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b) submitted without the names of all the inventors, the basic filing fee and/or the oath or declaration.

The filing fee and a combined declaration and power of attorney was filed on October 17, 2000, well within the two month period for responding to the notice to file missing parts.

Although the notice to file missing parts also stated that Figures 9M, 10m, 16P, 17P, 18R, and 18S appeared to be omitted from the application, these figures were not submitted as the application was complete as filed. A preliminary amendment was filed on December 29, 2000, removing reference to these figures. Accordingly, a new filing date should not have been assigned to this application and a corrected Filing Receipt showing the filing date as June 21, 2001, should be issued.

A copy of the marked-up Filing Receipt is attached.

A copy of the first Filing Receipt received in this application is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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